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CHARLESTON FESTIVE

THOUSANDS OF VISITORS THRONG ITS FAMOUS STREETS.

HERBERT AND THE SOUADRON.

Honors to the Secretary of the Navy-Medal Presented to Creelman-Chamber of Commerce Banquet-Grand Ball.

CHARLESTON, S. C., February 18 .-Charleston has been thronged throughout the day by thousands of strangers from South Carolina and the neighboring States, who had come to the city to see Admiral Bunce's fleet, that has been blockading this port, pass in review before Secretary-of-the-Navy H. A. Herbert. Among the special guests of the city for the day were: Governor W. H. Ellerbe, of South Carolina, all the State officers, and senators and other legislators. These gentlemen were brought to Charleston during the day, and they were among the most interested spectators of the official courtesies which took place between the fleet and the secre-

Secretary Herbert and his party, consisting of Mrs. B. M. Micou, Mrs. Glover. Mrs. Southerland, Mrs. Harrison, Ger ral M. C. Butler, Colonel T. Stobo Farrow. Mr. L. H. Finney, Jr., and H. A. Herbert, Jr., arrived in the city from Washington in the special car, Scipio, via the Atlantic-Coast Line, at 6 o'clock They were met at the this morning. They were met a depot at 8 o'clock by a committee sisting of Mayor Smith, Collector-of-the-Port George D. Bryan, District-Attorney Perry Murphy, T. R. MacGahan, George B. Edwards, and St. John P. Kinloch, As the Secretary stepped from his car a sa lute of twenty-seven guns was fired by detachments of the First Division, South Carolina Naval Reserves, under Captain The party was then escorted to the Charleston Hotel, where break fast was served, and the Secretary and his friends rested until 11 o'clock. They were then escorted to the custom-house dock, where they boarded the revenue-cutter Colfax. The Secretary was saluted as he boarded the ship, all the sailors being drawn up in man-of-war fashion. A few minutes later Governor Ellerbe's special train drew up on the siding, and the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor M. B. Sweeney, and Speaker F. B. Gary were taken off to the cutter, salutes also being awarded them.

The harbor was full of pleasure craft

of all descriptions, which only waited for the cutter to lead the way to cast their hawsers and follow her to the bar The day was an ideal one. In the city it had been so warm that wraps were uncomfortable, but on the water top-coats were not out of place. A FQG.

At the entrance to the jettles an unforeseen trouble arose. The cutter and its train of pleasure craft ran full into a heavy fog, which set the whistles and bells agoing in a perfect din of noise. Many of the small boats put back into port, and the larger vessels slowed down eir engines and drifted around for an

The cutter worked her way down to the Columbia, where Secretary Harbert requested the presence of Captain Sands on the cutter. Captain Sands informed him that the flagship New York was ly ing just to the northward, and the Colfan moved off once more. When the flagship was picked up in the fog, Admiral Bunce received a summons from the Secretary, and came alongside in his cutter. The moment he stepped aboard his pennant was run up, and the little cutter became he flagship. The Admiral was told by the Secretary that he desired to board the battleship Maine, to present Seaman W. J. Creelman with a medal, awarded him for his distinguished conduct during the storm. So, with both Secretary and Ad-

CREELMAN AND GHERARDI With the ship's crew drawn up on deck, Captain Crowninshield gave the orders for Naval-Cadet Gherardi, his life-boat crew, and Seaman W. J. Creelman to ster forward. Addressing them, Secretary Herbert spoke of their gallant conduct during proud of the navy; and then, singing out Creelman, the Secretary presented him with the gold medal and an envelope containing \$100, with a few words in com-mendation of his gallant deed. Creekman, it will be remembered, sprang over-board while the storm was at its height and attempted to rescue one of his ship-

When these ceremonies were concluded the visitors became the guests of the ward-room of the Maine. When the company was seated, Secretary, Herbert lifted his glass, and said that he requested that every one should rise and drink the health of Naval-Cadet Gherardi, whose gallantry was now the admiration of his fellow-officers and the nation.

Nearly two hours were spent on the ine. When the Secretary returned to Colfax, accompanied by Admiral Bunce, the cutter steamed down the line of warships, receiving from each a salute as she crossed the bow. This ended the ceremonies of the day, and the cutter steered for port, arriving at CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BANQUET.

To-night Secretary Herbert, Governor be, Admiral Bunce, and the c and executive officers of all the ships became the guests of the Chumber of Commerce at the banquet given at the Charleston Hotel, Covers were laid for 200, and the banquet was a most elaborate one. The set speeches the evening were made by welcoming the visitors to the Secretary Herbert, and Governor Ellerbe. Impromptu speeches were also made by other gentlemen, among whom Admiral Bunce. Responding to Navy." Secretary Herbert said "Mr. Chalrman, I thank you and the Chamber of Commerce for this welcome to my native State. to my native State. It is now many years ago since my father took me, then a small boy, with him to another Southern State, and there made his home. There my home is now, and I do not mean to imply by anything I shall say that the home of my adoption has any second place in my affections, but I have never ceased to remember with fond af-fection the house in which I was born, the grand old oaks that stood about, the fields and streams where I hunted and fished, the old school-house on the hill, and the dear companions of my youth.

"It is but a generation ago when a fleet floating the Stars and Stripes lay off Charleston harbor. You greeted that fleet with shot and shell and torpedoes. To-night another fleet bearing that same flag lies off your harbor, and you well come its gallant officers to this magnifi cent banquet, and not all the search-lights in that fleet could find in this city of Charleston a single enemy to the

nion of the States.
"All of us here this evening, wherever we may have stood during the civil war, love to recall the deeds done around Charleston in the brave days from 1861 to 1865, whether by Federals or Confede-They were Americans all.'

'65 AND '97. "What is it that has wrought the revo-"What is it that has wrought the revo-lution that has taken place between February, 1865, and February, 187? How happens it that the fleet that blockades Charleston harbor in 1897 is sent here by a Secretary who is an ex-Confederate soldier, and how does it happen that the people of the North and South are bet-ter friends, and that the prospects of a

than at any time from the foundation of our government down to 1860? The change has grown out of the nature and character of the issues that were at stake in the civil war, and out of the d-mindedness of the American peo-

"Our country's new navy, which typi-fies the might and majesty of the Union of the States, was built up by the joint efforts of those who had supported the Confederacy and those who had helped to maintain the Union. That navy is something to kindle pride and patriotism

in the heart of every American citizen. "There are still in the service some of the gallant officers of the old navy Rear-Admiral Bunce, who is present this evening, and who is now in command of the fleet in your harbor, distinguished himself in the civil war. His captains— Schley, Bartlett, Glass, Taylor, Crownin-Sands, Wise, and Harrington-all rendered gallant service. I am proud to respond to this toast to-night, as the representative of these officers, and of young Gherardi and his brother-officers, have never smelled the smoke battle, and of Creelman and his sailorcompanions, for these, and those whom they stand, constitute our country's navy, which is ready to-day, as in

the past, to do and dare for the integrity and honor of the country."

The Maine was to-day ordered to New Orleans. The Amphirite, Dolphin, Ve-suylus, and Fern came into the harbor to-night. During the morning the fleet was joined by the Terror, which will

come up to the city to-morrow.

The reception which has been tendered
Secretary Herbert will take place at the
City Hall to-morrow at 430 o'clock, and at night the Secretary, Admiral, and offiers will be the guests of the city at a

THE ARBITRATION TREATY.

It May Be Disposed of To-Day-Nominations Confirmed.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 18 .-Immediately after the Senate went into executive session Senator Sherman sought to call up the general treaty of arbitration with Great Britain, but he met with a repulse at the very outset. motion was made that business on the alendar be proceeded with, the argumen being that there were a number of imudicial character, that ought to be acted upon. The yeas and nays were de manded, and those favoring the consider ration of nominations won. The nomi-nation of William H. Munger, of Ne-braska, to be District Judge for the District of Nebraska, was confirmed with-out opposition. The nomination of Charles F. Amidon, to be District Judge for the District of North Dakota, was

then called up.

The debate on the Amidon case lasted for more than three hours, Mr. Hans-

brough, the Republican senator from North Dakots, speaking in opposition two-thirds of that time. The Senate evidently looked upon the antagonism to Mr. Amidon in the light of political opposition only, and by the decisive vote of 35 to 14 confirmed the

By a further vote of 32 to 27 the Senate at 5:30 P. M. to take up the arbitration treaty, and the debate Nelson, of Minnesota, took the floor for the purpose of moving a postponement of further consideration of the treaty until darch 5th. Mr. Nelson was anxious to have the bankruptcy bill called up, and believed that this and other pressing business should be attended to at the present session. The treaty could go over until the extra session without

Messrs. Allen and Frye held similar views. Messrs. Hoar, Lodge, and Platt took strong ground against postpone-

To the surprise of the Senate, Mr. Vest came out in a strong speech favoring the early ratification of the treaty, as amended. He declared that the people of the United States demanded this con-vention; that its negotiation was the re-sult of a desire for peace and general arbitration on the part of the people of the two great English-speaking peo ples of the world. It was a good treaty,

Mr. Sherman, in a very brief statemiral aboard, the cutter once more sot ment, said he believed the vote ought under way. Captain Crowninshield, or now to be taken, and he was confident the Maine, was hailed, and informed that the two officials would board his ship ratified. Several senators disputed this with the party. The transfer was made without trouble, the blue-jackets and officers receiving their superior officers with the customary salute and other formalities.

Statement, and asked Mr. Sherman if he really thought there were sufficient votes to ratify the treaty. Mr. Sherman replied that he believed to-day, as the statement of the really thought there are sufficient to the really thought the really thought there are sufficient to the really the real really the really the really the really the really he had always believed, that when test came the necessary two-thirds the Senate would be found voting for the ratification of this treaty. He ex-pressed the hope that no further delay would be indulged in, and that senators

would sarree to a vote.

Senators Morgan and Daniel, both of whom are opposed to the treaty, said they were prepared to go on with the debate, if Mr. Sherman desired a night session, but this statement frightened thers who were tired of the proceed ngs, and a motion was made to adjourn This motion was defeated by a small majority, several of the opponents of the treaty voting not to adjourn.

Senator Binekburn, of Kentucky, as-serted his opposition to the convention, and declared that it could not be amendded in any way so as to meet with his approval. At the same time, he behis approval. At the same size of the issue should be met squarely, and without dodging. Mr. Sherman, who had charge of the treaty, and who was to be the premier of the incoming administration, was entitled to the course tesy of a vote. He hoped the motion to postpone would not be pressed, and urged with that emphasis for which the Kentucky Senator is noted that the question be disposed of finally.

By this time the hour of 7 was approaching, and Mr. Sherman saw that it was impossible to keep a quorum pre-sent. He, therefore, gave notice tha immediately after the routine business of to-morrow he should move an executive session, at which he hoped the treaty would be disposed of. Mr. Sher man urged senators to be present and remain until the vote was taken. There seems to be a disposition to comply with Mr. Sherman's request, and the chances appear to be rather good for a session extending well into the evening.

SANGUILLY TO BE RELEASED.

So Agrees the Spanish Government, Reports Mr. Olney.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 18 .-The Spanish Government has agreed to release Julio Sanguilly, the American citizen who was arrested in Cuba al-most two years ago. When the Committee on Foreign Relations yesterday took up the consideration of Mr. Call's resolu-tion instructing the President to demand his immediate release, the committee deemed it wise to postpone action for one day in order to ascertain if there had been any developments in the case since the submission of the correspondence to the Senate. This morning, a letter was received from Secretary Olney announc-ing that the Spanish Government had agreed to his immediate release. Wednesday, its regular meeting-day, and If the release is not granted by that time a unanimous report in favor of the reso-lution will be made to the Senate.

CADETS AT THE INAUGURATION.

Committee Making Little Headway Hawley Still at Work.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 18. The resolution before the Senate Committee on Military Affairs, providing for the presence of the West Point cadets a the inauguration, appears to make but little headway. The subject was brought up this morning, but no action was taken. The committee appears to be about evenly divided, but Mr. Hawley hopes to get a favorable report at a special meet ing to be held next Monday. Meanwhile he has been in communication with the ralifoads, for the purpose of fixing as low a rate as possible for the boys. He has been successful in this, and believes that the committee will eventually order

MASSACRE IN CRETE

MORE OF IT ATTRIBUTED TO THE

CHRISTIANS.

GREECE STILL STOUTLY DEFIANT.

She Announces That a Withdrawal of Her Flotilla Will Be Impossible Before the Island Is Completely

CANEA, CRETE, February 18.-Rumors of a wholesale massacre of Mussulmans at Sitia have reached here, some of the reports placing the number of killed at 2,000, which includes almost the entire Moslem population of the town. It is said that men, women, and children were killed, indiscriminately, by the Christians. It is impossible at present to confirm the reports, but the rumors have created the deepest anxiety here. General Bor, who is in command of the gendarmerie at Canea, has sent two Italian officers of the gendarmerie to Sitia in a gunboat, to inquire into the truth or falsity of the reports.

The fort at Voucoulis, which is garrisoned by 500 Turkish troops, has been besieged for several days by a large force of well-armed insurgents. Yesterday the commander of the besieging force called upon the Turkish commander to surrender, and promised safe conduct to any of the garrison who chose to ac-The Turks refused to surrender under any terms. It is stated that the garrison has provisions enough to last for twenty days, and a plentiful supply

It is reported that Greek troops started to-day for Voucoulis, to aid the in-surgents in the capture of the place.

WAR FEELING INCREASES. ATHENS, February 18 .- Despite the action of the Powers in restraining the Greek troops in Crete from aggressive operations against the Turks, and the probability that that island will event-ually be handed over to Greece without the necessity of her fighting for its pos session, the war feeling here is increasing hourly. The enthusiasm with which the reserves responded to the call to arms has been fully equalled by the military ardor of volunteers, who are flocking into the city from all parts, eager to take part in the battle against the Turks. It announced this morning that the King of Greece interests to take command of the northern army in person, and this report has had the effect to still further inflame the martial spirit of the people.

An indication of what may be expected in any possible conflict with the Turks is shown in the steady accessions of Macedonians to the Greek ranks. A force of 1,000 Macedonian volunteers in one body crossed the frontier yesterday

and joined the Greek army. GREECE STILL DEFIANT. In reply to a lemand of the diplomat epresenting the Great Powers here that the Greek floting commanded by Prince George be withdrawn from Cretan waters at once, M. Skouses, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, sent to each Minister of roreign Allairs, sent to each Minister of note saying that a withdrawal of the flotilla will be impossible until Crete is completely pacified, and, furthermore, that the Greek Government will not rescind its orders to the Greek forces in Crete to oppose the landing of Turkish troops upon the island.

Colonel Vassos, commanding the Greek military forces in Crete, has established headquarters at Gonia, and is making preparations to attack the town of Selino. GREECE GOING RIGHT AHEAD.

ATHENS, February 18.—The non-con-currence of the Powers in Greece's action in Crete does not appear to have pated, and Greece is going ahead as though she had the full consent of the Powers to her annexation of the island. Colonel Vassro, the aide-de-camp of the King, who is in command of the Greek troops in Crete, is already forming a posed to have been the work of Indians stration in the name of the King of the Helienes. He is making preparations for the holding of municipal preparations for the notating of elections, and will install mayors in all the towns and vilages that are not occupied by the forces of the foreign Pow-

It is stated that Prince Nichoas, the third son of King George, will not a with the troops to the Thessalian frontie has it was stated yesterday he would, but that he will join the forces in Crete. All the Greek consulates in the island have lowered their flags, it being con-sidered by the consuls that, as Crete is now Greek territory, their duties have

It is stated here to-night that the Greek warship Hydra, which was conveying pro-visions to the Greeks, was stopped by British and Italian torpedo-boats.

MOSLEM REFUGES. CANEA, CRETE, February 18 .- Many refugees are arriving here from all parts of the Island. Most of them are Mosof the island. Most of them are I fearing the vengeance of the Cretan Christians, or their allies—the Greek sol-They all have stories to tell of the dangers from which they have es-caped, and declare that the life of no caped, and declare that the life of no Moslem is safe without the limits of the

A large number of Mussulmans arrived to-day on board of a Turkish transport. They affirm that the Christians have killed a hundred Moslems at Serakimos, nd a hundred more in the villages ad-

The commanders or the British, French. and Russian squadrons have left Canen in their flagships. The British commander goes to Sitia, the French com-mander to Heraklion, and the Russian ommander to Retimo.

EVERYTHING QUIET. CANEA, CRETE, February 18.-Everything was quiet here this morning. The foreign marines, who are in occupation of the town, are still flying their respec-tive flags; but the Greek flag has been lowered from the Greek consulate, compliance with a notice sent to the Canaul by the European commanders yesterday. Turkish troops have occupled fortified positions around the town with the co-operation of European of

TWO THOUSAND MOSLEMS SLAIN. VIENNA, February 18.—The Neu Fred Presse says that 2,000 Moslems have been massacred at Sitia, a town in the eastern extremity of Crete. Of all the Morammedan residents of the place only twenty-eight escaped. The paper adds that the Greek forces are surrounding eight Mos-

em villages on the island. The foregoing is officially announced in Constantinople, where the intelligence has created much excitement.

A HORRIBLE MURDER. The mutilated corpse of a sister of the Russian Vice-Consul has been found lying on the ground at Halepa. The dis-covery of the body has created a feeling of intense indignation among the for-

eigners here. GREEKS OCCUPY SITIA. ATHENS, February 18 .- It was rumored here to-night that Greek troops have oc-cupied the town of Sitia, but up to a late hour no confirmation of the rumor

TURKISH RESERVES CALLED OUT, CONSTANTINOPLE, February 18 .-The government has called out 64,000 re-

in the provinces of Broussae and Trebizond. AUSTRIAN SQUADRON REINFORCED. VIENNA, February 18.-The Austrian equadron in Cretan waters has been re-nforced, and Admiral Hinke has as-

Street-Car Strike Adjusted. GALVESTON, TEX., February 18.— The street-car strike was adjusted this morning, on the following basis: Men

umed command.

in the employ of the company one year or longer are to receive 15 cents an hour, and those in the employ of the company six months, 14 cents an hour. The company further agrees to give the preference to union men when employing additional labor. The contract between the men and the company, based on the terms stated, has been signed, and is good for one year. Immediately on signing the contract service was resumed on all lines. all lines.

SHORTAGES IN NEBRASKA. Report of Warrant for Arrest of Ex-

State Auditor. LINCOLN, NEB., February 18.-The immediate effect of the special message of Governor Holcomb to the Legislature yesterday, asking for an investigation of the State Treasury, has been the circulation of sensational rumors to-day and to-night of alleged heavy shortages in the offices of ex-Treasurer Bartley and the offices of ex-Treasurer Bartley and ex-Auditor Moore. One report went so far to-night as to say that a warrant had been issued for the arrest of ex-Auditor Moore, but, if issued, it had not been served at a late hour, and the report is not believed.

In his message, Governor Holcomb pointed out that over half a million dollars remains to be accounted for by the

lars remains to be accounted for by the ex-Treasurer. In a subsequent statement, Mr. Bartley admits that the figures of the government are nearly correct, but says the delay in turning over the money is the result of an agreement with the present Treasurer in effecting a settle-

shortage of ex-Auditor Moore, which is acknowledged, amounts to some thing like \$25,000. Mr. Moore and his bondamen have been pressed for payment for several days, and legal action may

CRESCENT-CITY RACES. Perfect Weather Draws Out Three Thousand People.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., February 18 .-A summer temperature of 78 degrees, and perfect weather generally, drew out 3,000 people to the track to-day. Winners, lowever, were hard to pick on the heavy track, only one post favorite winning. First race-six furlongs-Martin K. (91, T. Burns, 7 to 2) won, Olean second, Seelbach third. Time, 1:261-4.

Second race-seven furlongs-Earth 007. Gatewood, 3 to 1) won, The Pluto-crat second, Pomeroy II. third. Time,

Third race-mile and a quarter-Sir John (130, Garner, 2 to 1) won, Partner second, Proverb third. Time, 2:24 3-4. Fourth race-six furlongs-Bob Clampett (104, C. Reiff, 5 to 1) won, Waldine second, Trixie third. Time, 1:251-4.

Fifth race-seven furlongs-Harmony (94, A. Barrett, 2 to 1) won, Plutus second, Partisan third. Time, 1:441-4.

ADMIRAL BUNCE'S SHIPS.

No Criticism of the Squadron=No Big Expenditure Asked. WASHINGTON, D. C., February 18 .-

Acting-Secretary McAdoo and Admirai Ramsay have authorized an unqualified denial of the public assertion that Admirai Bunce has sent a report to the depart-ment criticising the vessels of his squadron, or recommending expenditures approximating a million dollars, or, in fact, any extended report at all. On the contrary, as a result of the stormy trip to Charleston, the additional repairs and expenditure of the stormy of the stormy trip to the stormy tri penditures required are a whale-boat, to replace the one lost by the Maine. The published statements are declared to be collection of the criticisms passed upon the ships by various officers in the past three or four years.

TERRIBLE SEPTUPLE TRAGEDY. It Is Supposed to Be the Work of Indians.

WINONA, N. D., February 18.-The bodies of Rev. Thomas Spicer and wife; their daughter, Mrs. William Rouse, with her 1-year-old twin boys, and Mrs. Waldren, the mother of Postmaster Waldron, were found on the Spicer plantation, near here, to-day. All were horribly mutilated, and the tragedy is supof the Standing Rock reservation.

KYLE ELECTED SENATOR. He Has Solid Republican Vote and

Populists Enough. PIERRE, S. D., February 18.-Kyle was to-day elected United States Senator by the solid Republican vote and a few Populists who stayed by him. Most who is extremely ill. of the Populists deserted him, but enough remained to give him the number required to elect.

Naval Steel Board Abolished.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 18 .-Herbert's final act leaving for Charleston on yesterday was to sign an order abolishing the Naval Steel Board, and transferring its work to the Bureaus of Steam Engineering an Construction. This board, which was constituted by Secretary Whitney, has been for nearly twelve years the source of continual trouble in the Navy Department, and a subject of dras-tic criticism at all times. Yes-terday, Naval-Constructor Dashiell was ordered to the Construction Bureau, and all matters pertaining to ship material were transferred with him. Similarly, Assistant-Engineer Freeman was transferred, together with all machinery mat ters, to the Steam Engineering Burgau, and the third member of the board (its chairman), Captain Cocan, is to be given

Trial of John D. Hart.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., February 18.—
The trial of John D. Hart, on the charge of engaging in a Cuban fillbustering expedition on the steamer Laurada in August last was resumed before Judge Butler in the United States District Court today. There was a good deal of Court to-day. There was a good deal of testimony in regard to the Laurada expedition, similar to that given on a for-mer trial, but Hart's connection with the vessel was not brought out. The trial is dragging rather tediously

An Arrest for Embezziement.

ST. LOUIS, MO., February 18.-Daniel Hains, claim agent of the Cotton-Bel route, was arrested at his home, at Mal Cotton-Belt den, Mo., yesterday, on a bench-warrant, issued by the grand jury of this city. It is stated by the deputies who have Mr. Hains in custody that the latter is charged with embezzling amounts aggre gating \$20,000. Mr. Hains has been claim agent of the Cotton-Belt route for the past eight years.

Telegraphic Briefs.

Paris.—France and Brazil have signed a protocol referring their dispute regard-ing territorial boundaries to arbitration, the president of the Swiss Confederation

Madrid.-A dispatch to the Imparcial from Habana says that the opinion generally prevalent in Cuba is that the proposed reforms in the island will have absolutely no influence upon the Cuban war. services. Washington, D. C.-Chief-Engineer C. J. Habighurst is ordered to duty as inspec

tor of boiler-tubes in course of manufac-ture at Philadelphia, Reading, Washing-ton, McKeesport, Pa., and Newcastie, Washington.-The Navy Department re ceived a telegram announcing a case of small-pox at the Pensacola navy-yard, and Acting Secretary McAdoo promptly authorized the expenditure of \$500, if

Cadiz.—While a force of workmen were engaged in lowering a boiler into the new Spanish cruiser Princess of the Asturias, which is being fitted out at the Cadiz naval yards, the tackling gave way and the boiler fell into a gathering of men below, killing six and seriously injuring ten others.

Richmonders in New York.

NEW YORK, February 18.—(Special.)—G, S, McRae, A, J, Parrish, Marlborough; J, A. Moncure, Sturtevant; J, M, Four-ourean, Q, A. Hawkins, St. Denis. Cadiz.-While a force of workmen were

needed, to erect a temporary hospital

A NOVEL ENTERTAINMENT. Shockoe Council Delights a Great

Crowd at the Y. M. C. A. The Young Men's Christian Association Auditorium was filled to overflowing last evening with a representative gathering of ladies and gentlemen in attendance upon the twelfth anniversary celebration of Shockoe Council, No. 895, Royal Areanum. Everything had been admirably arranged by the committee, and the affair went off without a hitch, and was in

every way a complete success. Regent W. H. Lusk welcomed the audience in a choice and brief speech, after which an excellent programme was presented, embracing a vocal quartetth. led by Mr. Clint Burton; an instrumental quartette by the "Shockoe Quartette" instrumental duet by Miss Maud Kemp and Mr. Mayo; "Comin' Through the and Mr. Mayo; "Comin' Through the Rye," a vocal duet, by two pretty, little Misses-Olive Eldridge and Lottle Benedict-character impersonations. by Mr. Harry Kemp, with his daughter

A most pleasing number of the programme, and one which brought down the house repeatedly, was "Yankee-Doodle-Dixie." This represented a song a yard.
White Grenadine, a new material, 2 yards wide, only 50c. a yard.
Real Fine French Nainsook, 46 inches wide, 40c. a yard.
White Organdie, 20c. a yard; much finer quality, 25c. a yard.
Colored Organdie, Pink, Blue, Nile, Yellow, only 21c. a yard.
Colored Detted Maslin, Pink, Blue, and Yellow, only 40c. a yard.
White Persian Lawn, 20c. quality, 12 1-2c.
DRESS GOODS.
The show continues. The stuffs are sociable, given by Miss Dixie's chorus, composed of thirteen granddaughters of the veterans of the war. "Miss Columbia," bedecked in southern colors, took her seat at the piano, and played "Carry Me Back to Old Virginia's Shore," when Miss Dixle, in southern costume, appeared and solloquized concerning southern hallowed memories. 'Yankee ern hallowed memories. "Yankee Doodle" dropped in and a very pleasing conversation occurred, in which it was understood between Miss Dixie and himself that the singing of southern songs was not disloyal to the Union. The Dixle chorus girls, representing the respective Southern States, then skipped in merrily and sang many choice southern songs, including "Dixie," "Yankee Doodle," leading and becoming charmed with the music. Misses Gill and Woodward sang as a duet "My Old Ken-tucky Home," and Miss Mattle Chris-tian sang "The Sword of Bunker Hill" All the singing was excellent, and re-

eived hearty applause.
"Miss Dixie," who got up the chorus especially for the occasion, was Mis-Julia Bickers, and "Miss Columbia," played the accompaniment, was Miss Maud Gill. The other young ladies were Miss Mattle Christian (the queen of the galaxy of States), and Misses Fannte Gill, Lilian, Meanley, Dolly Christian, Blanche Bickers, Otella Woodward, Mat-tie Warring, Ruby Woodward, Bessie Wilkinson, Bessie Balley, Katie Werner, Olga Werner, This part of the pro-gramme concluded with "America," sung an enthusiastic manner, and was heartily applauded.

The "Mock Inlation" was an exceedingly grotesque and laughable affair, and kept the house in a continual up-road. The participants—Grand Moguls, Vice-Grand, Back Number, Ink Slinger, Cash Snatcher, Door Guarder, Grand Pusher, and "Victim" (or candidate)— were in very funny costumes, and the victim, who represented Li Hung Chang, was put through the mysteries in a sideting farce that was a great success Li Hung Chang was rolled and tumbled around promiscuously, branded with a hot iron, put in a barrel and rolled around, and made to ride a veritable billy goat in approved style. Local hits were numerous and refreshing, and the great audience seemed carried away with this novel entertainment. The dominos were made for the occasion by Mrs. W. T. Dabney, whose excellent work received unstinted praise. The "ode sing ing" of the "officer" was ear-splitting, and calculated to make one stay wake o' nights. Mr. Harry Kemp acted the candidate to perfection.

After the entertainment the participants were banqueted at Morris's par-lors, on Broad street, and all went home lelighted with Shockoe Council's spirit of

Personals and Briefs. Judge J. R. Farrar, of Amelia, was in

Senator Thomas N. Williams, of Meck lenburg, is in the city. Mr. Arista Hoge, Treasurer of Staunton,

is in the city, stopping at Murphy's. Mrs. Lizzie Bowdyn, of Norfolk, is visiting Mrs. Stephen Putney, 921 west Franklin street.

The Confederate Memorial and Literary Society will meet to-day at 12 o'clock at Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Bosher are spending

a few days at the Ponce de Leon, St. There was no improvement last night in the condition of Rev. Dr. Pike Powers.

Colonel R. C. Marshall, Commonwealth' Attorney of Norfolk county, was in the

Mrs. Altena Holtz, mother-in-law of Mr. Henry G. Miller, is critically ill at the latter's residence, No. 616 east Broad street. Mr. J. W. Bronaugh, Treasurer of the

city of Manchester, was among the callers at the office of the Auditor of Public Accounts yesterday. The steamship Old Dominion, which has been off the line for several weeks for the usual spring cleaning and furnishing, is

back on the route again. Commencing Sunday night and continuing through the week there will be spe cial services at Calvary Baptist church. Rev. J. S. Dill will conduct the meeting. There will be a meeting of the Patrick

past 4 at the rooms of the Historical So-The regular meeting of the Sons of the American Revolution will be held at 8:18

Henry Chapter of the Children of the American Revolution this evening at half-

to-night in the rooms of the Virginia His-torical Society, No. 707 east Franklin Mr. J. W. Bankert and Miss Eva R. Dodd, both of Chesterfield county, who were married on the 10th instant, at Wei-

don, N. C., will make their home in Ful Giles Jackson, the colored lawyer, who

went to Canton, O., to see Major McKin-ley in the interest of the Freedman's Bank, says the President-elect did all he asked him to do.

Ex-Alderman Joseph W. Carter, who resides at No. 2426 Venable street, and who has been seriously ill lately, was reported by his attending physician. Dr. R. D. Garcin, to be better yesterday. News was received here yesterday of the

illness of Judge A. S. Seymour, of the Eastern District of North Carolina, who has been here several times as a member of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals. Mr. William Boulware Broaddus the State Bank, has suffered a severe

sprain of the right arm, and is confined to his house. He is at present with his father, Dr. William Lee Broaddus, or Bowling Green, Caroline county, Rabbi E. N. Calisch will speak at Beth Ahaba Synagogue this evening on "The Book of Jonah." On Saturday morning the sermon will be on "Mental Purity." Services begin, respectively, at 8 and 10:20 o'clock. The public is welcome at ail

Mr. W. O. Phillips has in his possession a piece of wood which he took from the ruins of Fort Ticonderoga in 1873. Mr. Phillips resides just opposite the National Cemetery. The piece of wood was the last in the fort. Ticonderoga was built by the French in 1756.

A stereopticon lecture will be given by Miss Frances H. Ensign at Seventh-Street Christian church February 23d at 8 P. M., touching Crusade scenes, the Tem-ple, world's petition, scenes from "Ten Nights in a Bar-Room," &c., the whole making an attractive and educational pro-

THE TOWER, Cor. Second and Broad TO-DAY'S SPECIAL BARGAINS.

nated Granite, 60c.; All-Wool Checks, 75c. and 80c.

3,600 yards of Imperial Foulard, Navy Blue ground, large with figures, 6 1-4c.; regular retailing price, 6 1-4c.; New line of Ladles' Shirt-Waists, 87c., grade, 50c.

Heavy Gray Rive and From Market. WHITE GOODS SALE. Heavy Corded Pique, was 25c., now Heavy Corded Pique, was 25c. now 121-2c. a yard.
Fine Corded Pique, 121-2c. a yard.
Heavy Fleece-Back Pique, 25c. Elegant for infants' cloaks.
Small Figured Piques, 24c, a yard, real value 371-2c.

Chamois Finish Cambric, 12 1-2c.; sells

India Linen, 5c. a yard. Very Sheer India Linen, 12 1-2c. a yard, worth 29c. 40-inch India Linen, 16c. a yard, worth 17c.
Small Check and Stripe Dimity, 12 1-2c.
a yard, real value 17c.
Fine Nainsook Check Muslin, 8c. a yard,
regular price, 10c.
Nainsook Check Muslin, 12 1-2c. a yard,
rooth 3nc.

grade, 50c.

Heavy Gray. Blue, and Brown 'Cycle Cloth, 12 1-2c. a yard.

50-lnch Navy. Garnet. Gray. Brown, Green, and Black Ladles' Cloth, regular price 50c., reduced to 55c.

Ladles' Black and Tan Pique Gloves, were \$1.50, reduced to 85c.

Androscoggin Bleached Cotton, 5 3-4c. a yard. Andrews Andrews Fine Ribbel Hose, Fast Black, and seamless; sizes a to 3, to-day No., regular price 20c. o 9, to-day 10c., regular price 20c. Remnants of Brussels Carpet, 54 to 60 Namsook Check Muslin, 13 1-2c, a yard, rorth 30c.
Long Cloth, \$1.25 for 12 yards, regular rice, \$1.50. Long Cloth, \$1.50 for 12 yards, regular order \$1.88.

Remnants only 75c. aches long, only 75c. Great bargains in Hamburgs and Laces, Wide Oriental Lace, 19c. a yard, regus Wide-Oriental Lace, 1982 a yard, regu-lar price, 17c.
15c. grade of Hamburg, 19c. a yard.
1 lot of 40 and 59c. Dress Goods, in rem-nants, only 20c. a yard.
26-inch Pillow-Case Linen, 42c. a yard.
All colors Velvets reduced from \$1 to

rywhere for 26c. agiish Nainsouk, 12 1-2c, a yard, ones's Fine Soft-Finished Cambric, 25c. t vard Lonsdale Cambrie, 10c, a yard. India Twilled Long Cloth, 17c, a yard. White Organdie, 2 yards wide, 38c, a rard, regular price, 30c. French Nainsook, 46 Inches wide, 25c. Valenciennes Lace, 25c. a dozen, nos

CARPETS. The selling of Carpets since Monday has

The selling of Carpets since Monday he abeen unusual for February. The prices on many patterns are so low, and the grades so high, that you can hardly refrain from buying.

31 Velvets, 75c.; 75c. Tapestry, 50c.; 16c. Ingrains, 35c. a yard.
Our great Veiling Sale is attracting crowds every day. New lots are added daily. Chenille-Dot Veiling, 15c. a yard.
We break all price-records on Cloaks.
Any Cloak in the house for \$5.

MEN'S SHIRTS. The show continues. The stuffs are on the go; some of the new beauties got first, and the last showing yesterday. Richmond hasn't had such a February Dress-Goods exhibit. And no February show ever aroused such popular appreciation.

MEN'S SHIRTS.

Pick them up and look at them, Don't be afraid to compare them.

\$1 Laundered Percale Shirts, attached and detached collars, broken lots, nearly all sizes, only 50c.

Men's Outling Shirts, only 10c.

Calyx Eye Needles, Sc. a paper. The blind can seew with them.

Down Pillows, 62c. size, 28c.; \$1 size, only 50c.

Palm Soan, 2c. a cake. Gentlemen's Red Shirts, 42c. New line of Ruffling, for neck and Moreen, for skirts, 17c. a yard.

preciation. Some of the goods are exquisite: They were costly to produce, and are really cheap at the prices we have marked them. Belges at 25c.; Checks at 25c.; Silk-Mixed Cheviots, 37 1-2c.; Tri-Color Checks at 48c.; Tailor Cheviots, 50c.; Tufted Cheviots, 50c.; Knotted Cheviot, 50c.; Chevlot Checks, 50c.; Wool Crash, 50c.; Illumi-JULIUS SYCLE & SON, THE TOWER, Corner Second and Broad

INSURANCE STATEMENT.

(PUBLISHED BY ACTHORITY OF THE AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS OF THE STATE OF VIRGINIA METROPOLITAN LIFE-INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW YORK.

ANNUAL STATEMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING THE MST DAY OF DECEMBER, 18%, OF THE ACTUAL CONDITION OF THE METRO-POLITAN LIFE-INSURANCE COMPANY, ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, MADE TO THE AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, PURSUANT TO THE LAWS OF VIRGINIA.

Name of the Company in full-METROPOLITAN LIFE-INSURANCE COM-

PANY.
Location of Home or Principal Office of said Company—MADISON SQUARE,
NEW YORK CITY.
Character of the Company—LIFE.
President—JOHN R. HEGEMAN.
Secretary—GEORGE B. WOODWARD
Name of the General Agent in Virginia—JOHN E. HARDING.
Residence, RICHMOND.
Organized and Incorporated—JUNE, 1896.
Commenced business—JANUARY, 1867.

\$442,612,913 00 186,135,310 00 \$628,768,223 00 141,602,368 00 The amount of all other receipts Total
The amount of losses paid during the year \$ 6,966,018 31
The amount of expenses for all purposes
(except losses)
The amount of dividends and surrender
values paid

150,659 25 Total . Total
The amount of assets, and how invested:
United States, city, and railroad bonds \$ 8.855.706.51 Cash premium loans

remiums deferred and in course of collection, net
Accrued interest, rents, etc
Loans to policy-holders on this company's policies

Carried out at market value-Total

BUSINESS IN VIRGINIA DURING 1896. Ordinary. No. Amount. 95 \$160,687 00 Industrial. 45,548 2,872,452 00 98 84,200 (0) \$190,887 00 \$8,352,389 00 233 ceased to be in force during the year.. 19.681 \$5,803,973 00 \$160,387 00 \$ 1,753 16 82,940 14 Amount of losses and claims on policies paid during the year \$ 83,384.05

Amount of assessments, premiums, dues, and fees collected or secured in Virginia during the year, in cash and notes or credits, without any deduction for losses, dividends, commissions, or other ex-

(Signed) JOHN R. HEGEMAN, President. STATE OF NEW YORK, CITY OF NEW YORK-us.:
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JOHN E. HARDING, Superintendent

NO. 108 NORTH NINTH STREET. RICHMOND, VA.

Labor for Convicts. (Baltimore American.)

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The Superintendent of State Prison in New York, in his report to the Legislature, dwells at length on the neces sity of providing work for prisoners. H calls attention to the fact that the health of the convicts becomes impaired by idleness, discipline is more difficult to enforce, and the expenses of the prisoners are greatly increased. The prisoners are sentenced to hard labor, and the law declares that they shall work. The duty of the State's officers is, therefore, imperative to furnish useful and productive employment. laws in New York, owing to outside influence, are being constantly changed with reference to prisons, which has the effect of making the administration of the institutions more difficult. The Su perintendent says, properly, that no employment can be selected that will no ployment can be selected that will not be opposed in some way by outsiders, either for political or business reasons. Some weeks ago the convicts in Sing Sing actually begged the warden to give them employment of some kind, preferring to do any sort of work to remaining locked up in idleness in the cells. This is the usual experience in all prisons. Every State is put to great expense in conducting prisons. It is following the ordinary rules of common sense and plain business to provide some way by which the State's expenses may be reduced in maintaining the convicts, especially when the latter are desirous of making the time pass as rapidly as possible by working. The incongruity of sentencing a man to hard

abor and then refusing to put him to work after he is committed to prison too apparent to need comment.

The health of convicts in the Mary

land penitentiary, where work is car-ried on more steadily than in most of the prisons of this State, by reason of the fact that the terms of sentence are longer, has been found to be satisfacry. Each prisoner is assigned to work can do best, and the more skilful ha becomes, the more money he can earn for himself by laboring after his daily task is completed. It is cruel to send people to prison, and keep them there in idleness.

Cotton-Tie Mills to Resume. YOUNGSTOWN, O., February 18.-It is Company here will resume the manufac-ture of cotton-ties at once, and has or-ders enough to keep the cotton-tie mills going for several months. No cotton-ties have been made at this mill during the year. The same company's eight-inch mill resumed yesterday, after an idleness of several months.

DOVER, DEL., February 18.—The condition of United States Senator Kenney was considerably proved to-day. Ho was able to sit up, and, it is said, is rapidly

improving. Major McKinley Better.

CANTON, O., February 18.—Major McKinley passed a comfortable night, and is much better to-day.